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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Accuracy in Plotting position on CIA City Plans.

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From time to time I have given technical advice to [REDACTED] urban mapping particularly where CIA plates are used. The thought occurred to me that positioning of intelligence targets on city plans could be enhanced by imparting a more precise method of measurement.

It would seem possible to add a graduated horizontal and vertical line along the margins or borders by which vectors could be determined and positions coded into three digit figures. This approach is not new, but also used on the 1:25,000 mosaics in their vertical and horizontal numerical system.

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By calibrating or graduating a left hand vertical line into 10 meter (?) intervals and a horizontal base line in similar fashion and adding a system of numbers and letters (perhaps both), locational positioning of targets and street names could be incorporated into the map. The details of such a system could be worked out. Since the CIA grid squares are produced by a photographic multiplication of plastic plates, by adding a graduated horizontal and vertical line with numbers and letters to the master original the scale would be multiplied into a common base plate. The lower left corner on all maps might become the zero point for all measurements.

Looking at this proposal from a users standpoint, a position on the corner of unnamed streets or the relative position three-quarters of the way down the block could be pin-pointed.

The technical ramifications of adopting and perfecting such an idea are many, but I believe accurate positioning of intelligence targets or related material is very important and worthy of consideration. Incorporating an arbitrary grid with graduations would refine plotting of known positions.

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Miscellaneous - I appreciated receiving my speech course evaluation. That course is most valuable to anyone coming here. I subbed recently for [REDACTED] Course and spoke for two hours.

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My liaison activities have increased, particularly in the follow-up from the geographic visitors [REDACTED] Currently I am looking into 25X1X7 geographic publication and CIA map dissemination.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] recently here on a tour, held several conversations with me and posted me on the developments from his tours and conferences.

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25X1A9a City Plans - I have been flooded with 15 copies of all city plans. Warren Armentrout's office wishes to make dissemination [REDACTED] city plans. Therefore, please discontinue sending 15 copies of [REDACTED] I will make the distribution of the 15 copies of CIA city plans. 25X1X7 [REDACTED] will make the distribution of [REDACTED] city plans from the quantity ordered for the Briefs.

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